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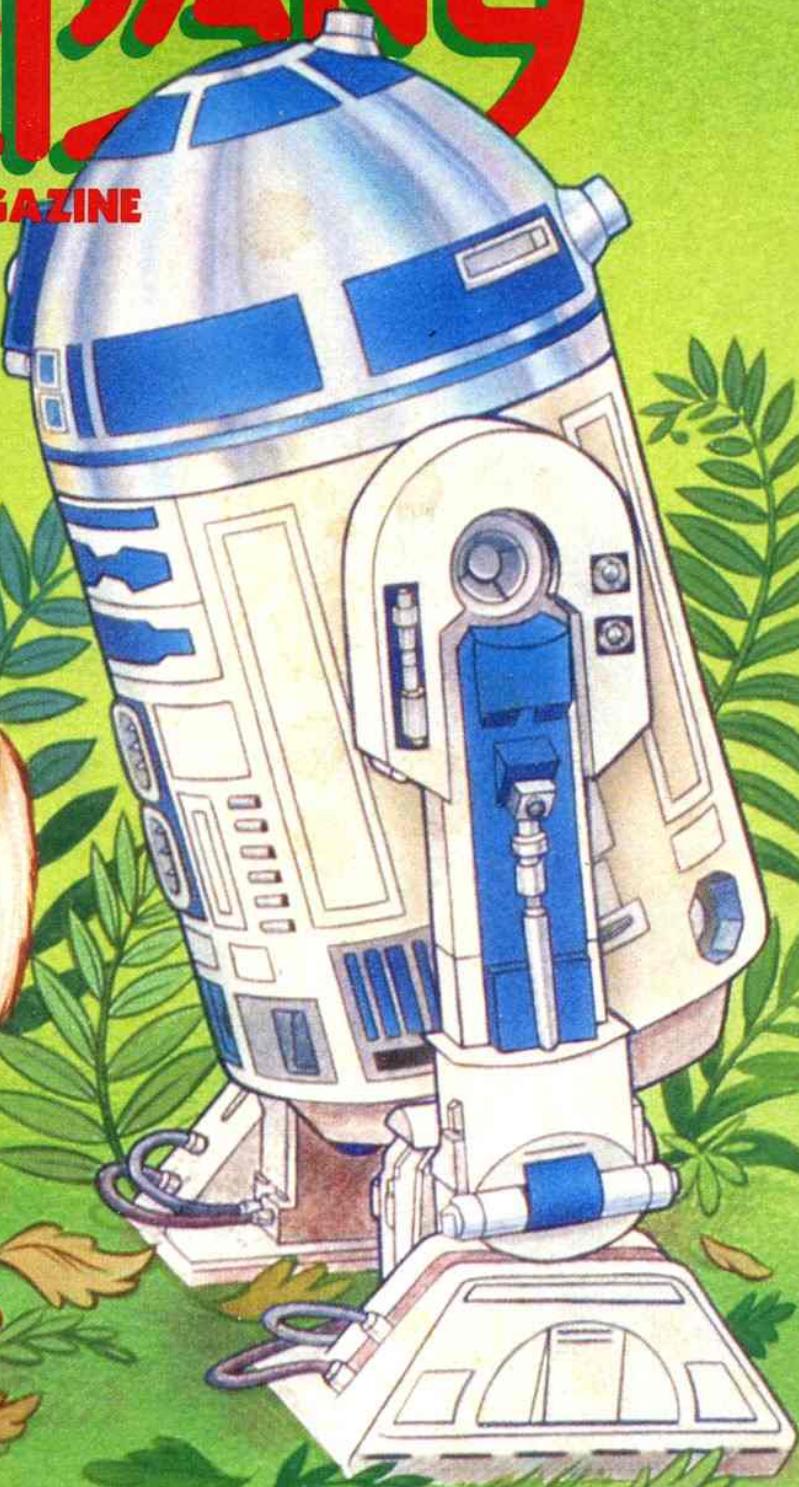
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EWOKS



STAR WARS' FURRY HEROES



# Winter Wish

What do you wish for in the cold and icy days of winter?  
A picture of one winter wish is hidden in this block of ice.  
Follow the directions below, and melt away the cold.

- Find all the shapes with a “1” and color them in green.
- Find all the shapes with a “2” and color them in yellow.
- Find all the shapes with a “3” and color them in brown.
- Find all the shapes with a “4” and color them in light blue.
- Find all the shapes with a “5” and color them in dark blue.

*Answer on page 31.*





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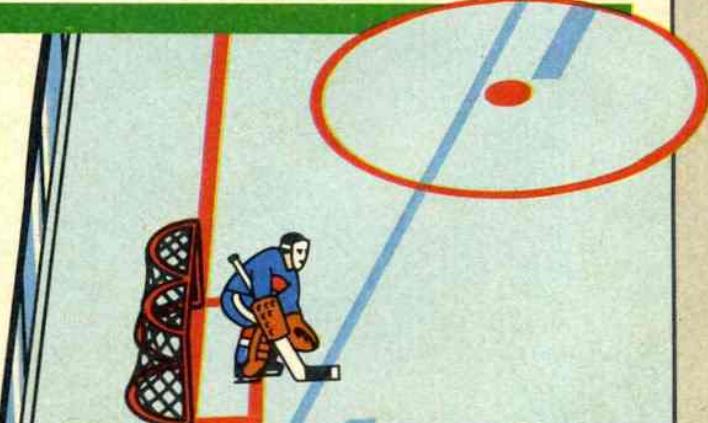
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## Action on Ice Skates!

It's ice hockey.

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Blue words may be new words! In this issue, words you see printed in blue are words you may not know. Find out what they mean in the **Glossary** on page 33.

THE  
**ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
GUIDE TO

# ENDOR

Planning a trip to Endor?

The Ewoks who live there are special furry creatures.  
Here is your guide to their magical home.



### What to bring

Pack lightly. You don't need a suitcase full of fancy clothes. The Ewoks just wear capes with hoods. You can wear your favorite shirt and pants. If you visit in the winter, be sure you also bring your mittens and other warm clothes.

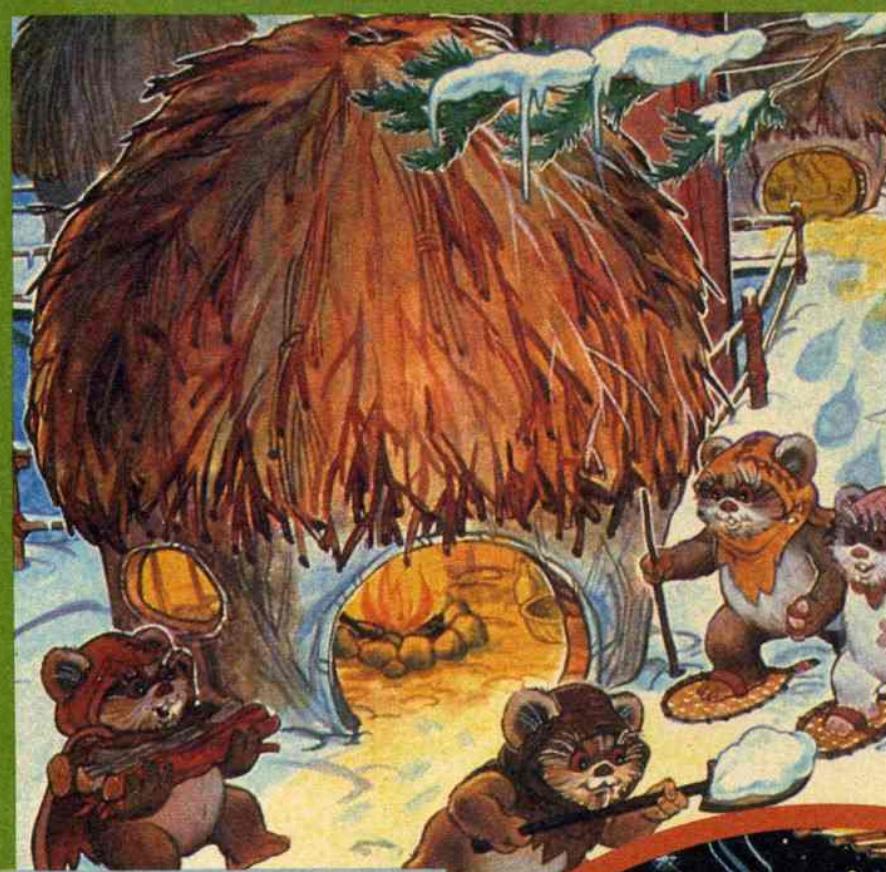
Illustrated by Pat Paris



## How to get around Endor

Your best bet is to walk. There is plenty to see on a walk through the woods. You can also swing on forest vines, from tree to tree, like the Ewoks do. Just check that your vine is strong, and be sure to look where you're swinging. If you're after a thrill and a bird's eye view, an Ewok might lend you his glider. Then you'll be able to ride on a breeze, and glide through the sky. If you need to travel further away, the friendly Bordaks can help you. They're gentle and able to carry a lot, in case you bring too much luggage.



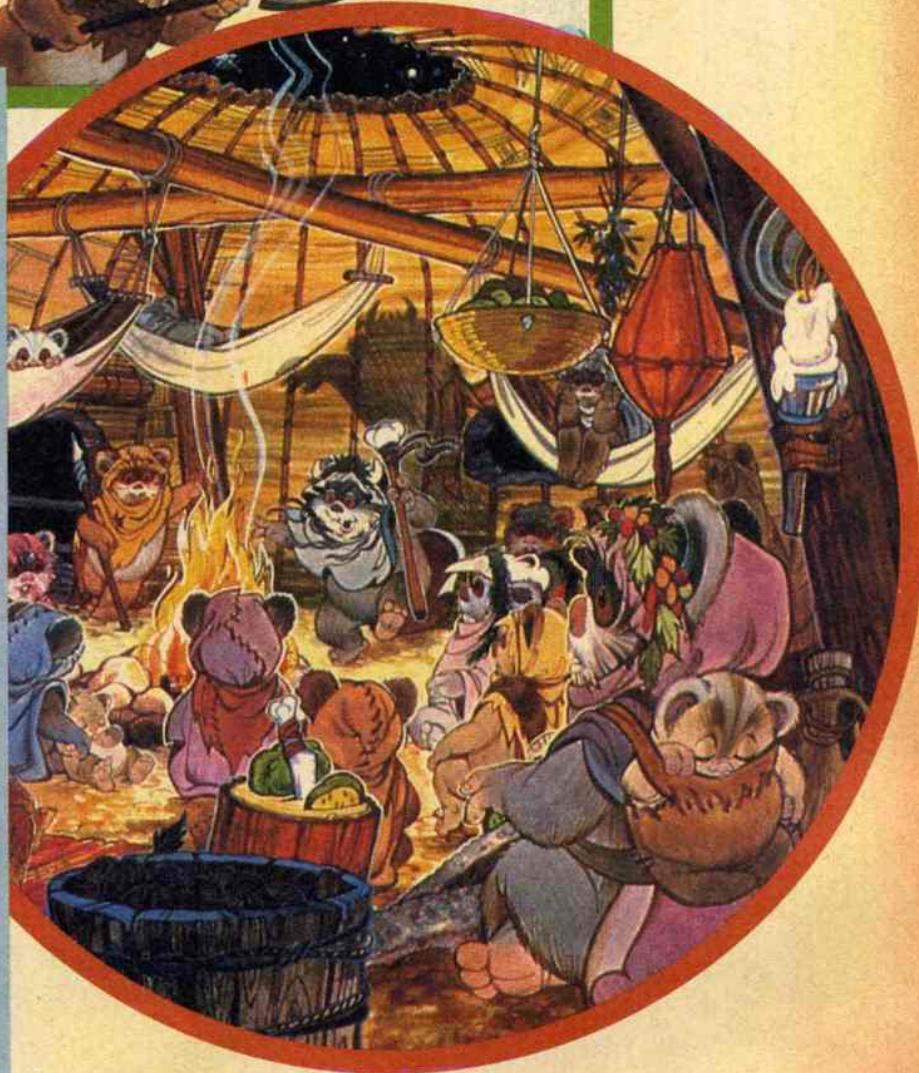


## Where to stay in Endor

We suggest you stay in an Ewok village, unless your heart is set on camping in the woods. The Ewoks have built their thatched huts on platforms high up in the trees. Watch an Ewok on his way home. You may see him disappear into a giant tree. He's on his way up a secret staircase carved inside the tree. It leads to the huts.

## Getting to know the Ewoks

In the village center at night, at the village bonfire, you can get to know some Ewoks. Ewoks take very good care of each other, and very good care of their trees. When an Ewok baby is born, a tree is planted for that baby, just outside of his village. This young Ewok meets his tree, and learns how to protect it. The tree is his own for his whole life. Any Ewok can close his eyes, be placed among a thousand trees, and still pick out his own tree. An Ewok will never say how he can do it, so we suggest you don't ask.





## What to eat

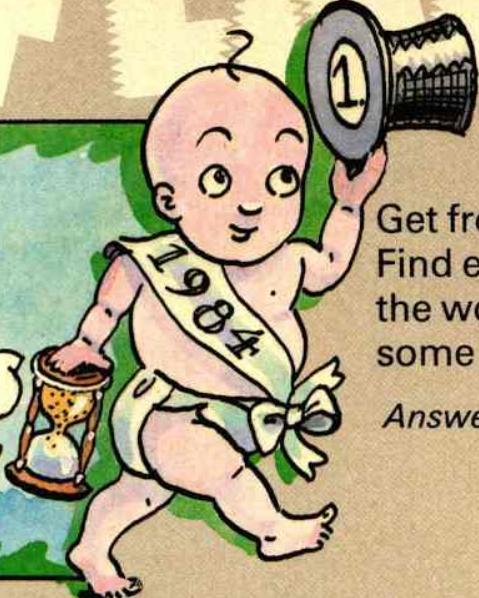
The Ewoks gather most of their food right in their own backyard. They pick berries and nuts in the woods all around them. They have Ewok treats like water moss, bell berries, green beets, and honey. The Ewoks only hunt when their food supply runs low. They are always careful not to waste what they have. Be sure that you, as a guest, take just what you need, and no more.

## Special events

You may want to plan your trip to Endor during an Ewok festival. The Ewoks have a festival in every season. In winter, the Ewoks gather around a bonfire in the snowy woods. They play handmade drums and flutes that fill the forest with music. They sing to each other and to their trees. It's a very special evening to spend with the Ewoks in Endor.



# THE NEW YEAR'S HERE!



Get from YEAR to HERE in just three words. Find each word by changing *one* letter in the word that comes before it. We gave you some hints. Fill in the blanks below.

Answers on page 31.

Y E A R  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
H E R E !!

The last day of December is the end of the old  
You will have to use your ear, whenever you want to  
Each night when you go to bed, on your pillow, you rest your  
For many cows, there is a word. Many cows are called a  
You waited the entire year. Now, 1984 is

## 2. WHERE ARE YOU FROM, STRANGER?

Traveling Tom Trumble has come upon some strange things from *real* places in the United States. See if you can match these crazy things to the place that they come from. Draw a line from each thing to the real town name that best fits it.

Answer on page 31.

**BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA**

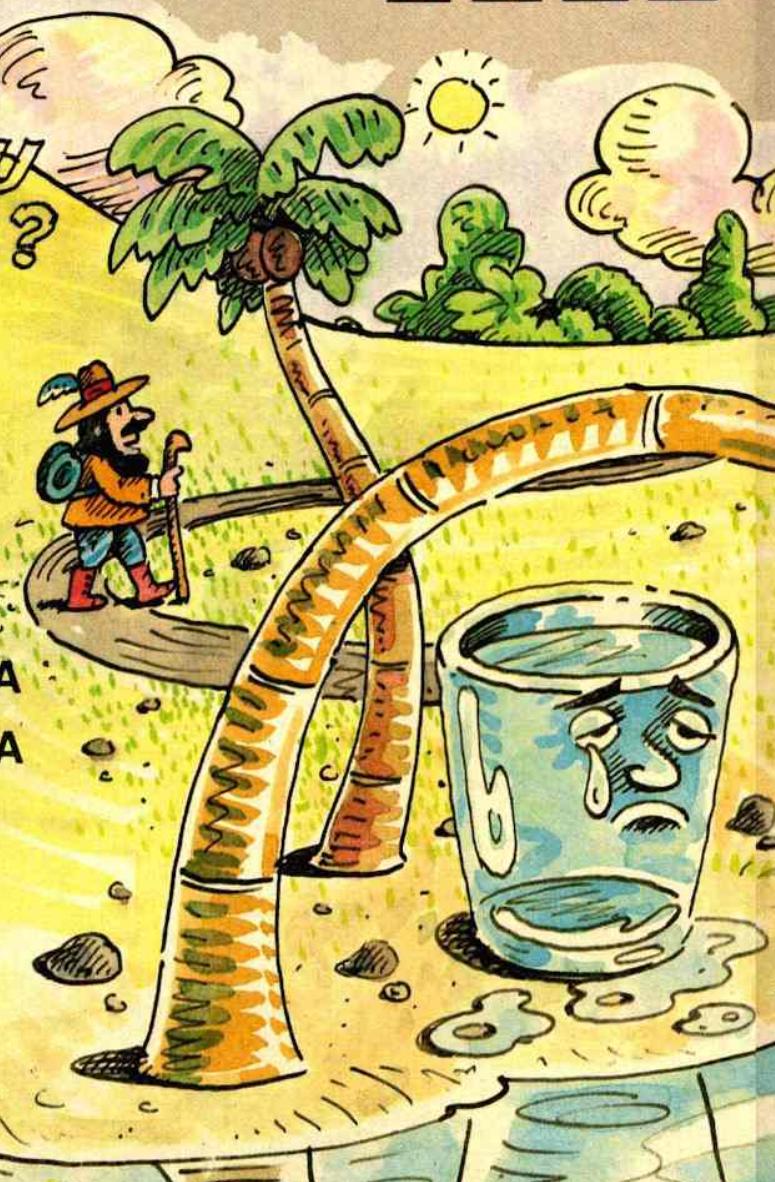
**JUMPING BRANCH, WEST VIRGINIA**

**WHISPERING PALMS, FLORIDA**

**FISHING CREEK, MARYLAND**

**WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA**

**TALKING ROCK, GEORGIA**



# HOLIDAY HOT LINES

## 3. The First Word Hunt of the Year!

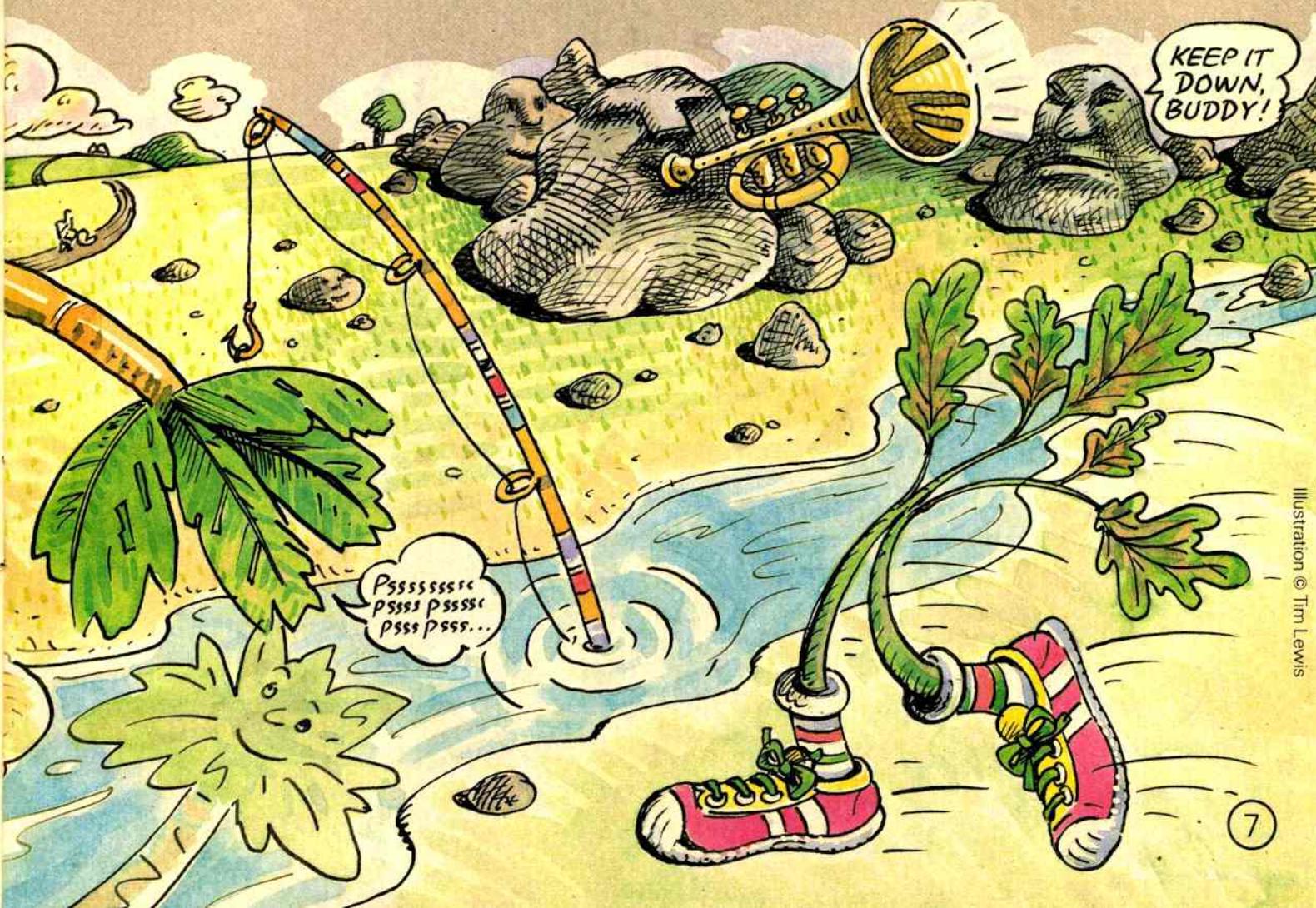
There are 12 words hidden in the box below. Try to find and circle them all.

Word list:	CHRISTMAS	REINDEER
	DECEMBER	SANTA
	GIFT	SLEIGH
	JANUARY	SNOW
	NEW	TREE
	OLD	YEAR

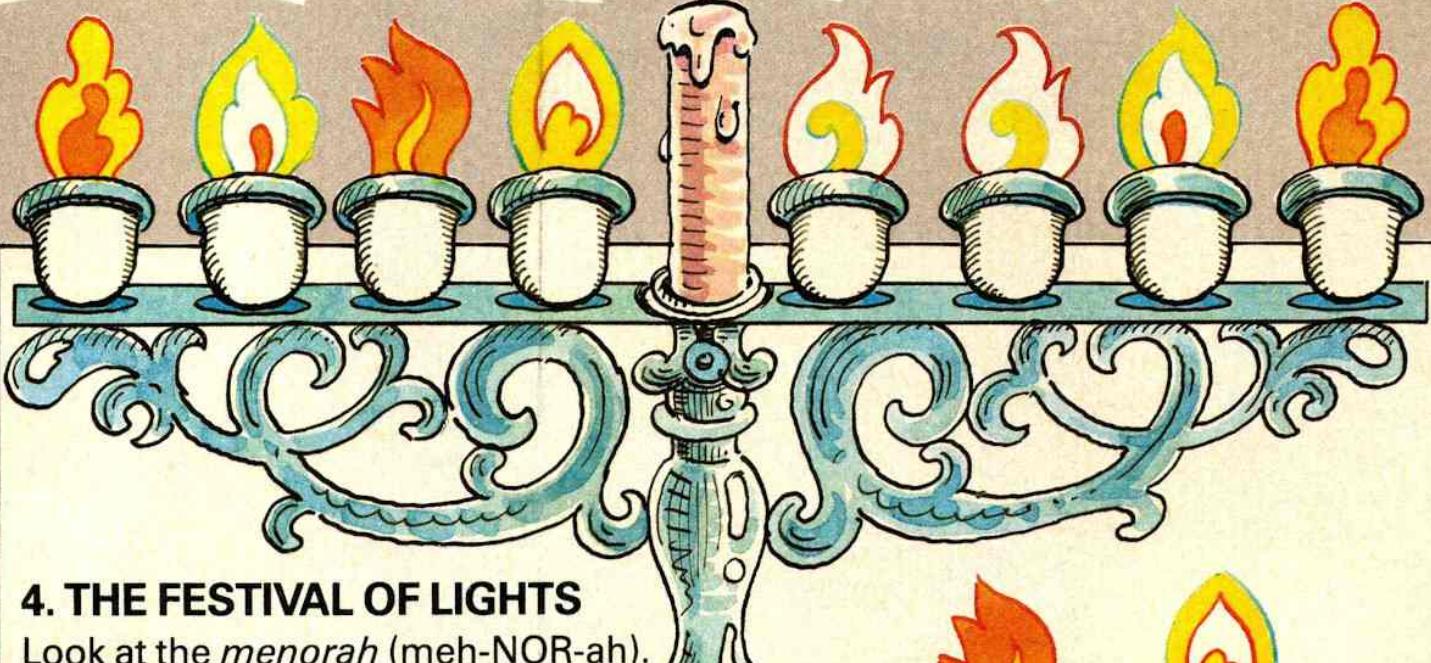
Now, find our hidden message. Starting on the second line, look at all the letters in the word hunt that you didn't circle. Write them in order in the blanks below.

Answer on page 31.

D	R	E	I	N	D	E	E	R
E	H	T	G	I	F	T	J	A
C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S
E	S	E	O	L	D	V	N	N
M	A	E	E	E	A	Y	U	O
B	N	E	W	I	H	E	A	W
E	T	A	P	G	P	A	R	Y
R	A	Y	E	H	A	R	Y	R



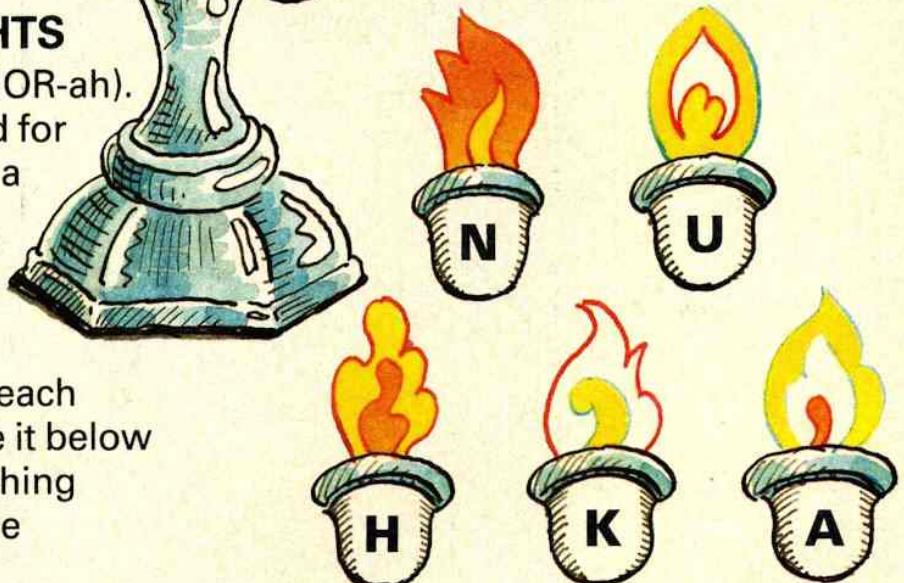
# HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS



## 4. THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Look at the *menorah* (meh-NOR-ah). Menorah is the Hebrew word for candlestick. It is used during a happy holiday that reminds Jewish people of the faith and courage of their ancestors. To find out the name of this holiday, match each flame with the flame just like it below the Menorah. Write the matching letters in the blanks below the matching flames.

*Answer on page 31.*



## 5. LIBRARY FIND

Thanks to Karl Klausewitz, age 5, from French Creek, West Virginia, for writing and sending us this Library Find.



### TRAPPER

by Stephen Cosgrove

*There was a seal named Trapper who lived with his friends. One day, the seals started disappearing.*

*The last seal, Trapper, slept on a patch of green grass overnight. A big monster came along. "I am Muttsok," said the monster. "I collect pretty things." It was a very good book.*

KID POWER CONTEST

6.



START 

You know what a maze is! It's a confusing path with a lot of twists, turns and dead ends. Make a maze for brave Sir Chicken. You can have him pass a dragon, get lost in a forest, see a castle, rescue a beautiful princess or anything else you want. We've given you a START and a FINISH. Draw a maze and send it with your name, age and address to:

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We'll print our favorites in a future issue. Winners will get t-shirts.  FINISH

# THE VIDEO CHAMP OF DUNKSVILLE

Kevin's mother said, "You haven't heard a word I've said!"

She was right.

As Mrs. McWoof told her son what she wanted him to do on that snowy morning, Kevin's thoughts were in another place.

Kevin was lost in his video dreams.

*The evil forces try to control the Captain's actions, but he puts up his invisible ear guards. He hears nothing.*

Kevin was a video nut. He was the champion of Dunksville. He had the high score on every machine in town. For Kevin, everything in the

world was a video game.

Mrs. McWoof said, "Kevin, listen to me! Mrs. Pendergoob is waiting for you in town. I need more material from her so I can finish the winter quilt I'm making for you. Go pick up the material as fast as you can. And don't waste time and money on those video games!"

Kevin put on his snow clothes. He couldn't wait to get to town! As he slipped on his pants, his socks and his snowboots, he thought to himself:

*The space warrior prepares to do battle with*



*the blinking, bleeping, buzzing forces of evil. He puts on his combat gear and he is ready.*

Wags, his dog, stood nearby, wagging his tail. He wanted to play in the snow. Kevin didn't want to play in the snow. He just wanted to get to the video games. He pulled on his sweater, his mittens and his wool cap.

*He slips on his super-duper space helmet and prepares to face the alien ship. He is not afraid. "Courage" is his middle name.*

"Kevin, please take Wags with you," his mother said. "He would love some exercise. And don't take the shortcut through the woods! Crossing the stream is too dangerous when it's snowing like this. Are you listening to me?"

Kevin wasn't listening.

"Be careful, Kevin!" said Mrs. McWoof.

Kevin stepped out into the snow. He didn't realize that Wags was following him. As soon as he was out of sight of the house, Kevin ran for the shortcut through the woods. The sooner he reached town, the more time there would be for video games.

It had snowed over a foot in just a few hours. Kevin plowed through the snow making "ZOOM!" noises as he ran in and out of the trees.

*Speed-racer in his super-charged racing machine passes other drivers as if they were rooted trees!*

Wags was running along behind Kevin, but the boy was not paying any



attention. He was in his video dream world.

*Lost in a maze of dots, the space commander searches for the power center before the enemy finds him and ZAP ZAP ZAP!*

Suddenly, Kevin heard a loud noise.

"Yelp, yelp, yelp!" It was a dog howling. It was Wags!

*In a battle against the clock, Dr. Magneto tries to save his helpless friend. Is he too late? Will the "game over" sign appear on the screen?*



Kevin ran toward Wags. He saw that the dog

had fallen into the stream. He found Wags half in and half out of the water. The sight of Wags in the icy water did something strange to Kevin.

For the first time in months, Kevin didn't pretend he was in a video game. He had to save his friend. He sprang into action!

First, he edged his way towards the water. He managed to grab his buddy's paw and pull him onto shore.

"Just relax, Wags. You're going to be all right," he said.

Then, he took off his coat and wrapped his shivering friend in it.

"I'll have you home in a jiffy!" Kevin told Wags.

He lifted the dog on his shoulders and began to run as fast as he could back to his home. He carefully followed his own tracks in the snow.

The flakes stuck to Kevin's face. The cold wind blew right through his thin sweater. He began to get very cold, but he ran on, carrying Wags on his shoulders.

Several times

Kevin stumbled and fell in the deep snow. Snow went down the back of his sweater. His cap fell off. But he always made sure Wags stayed warm and tightly wrapped in his coat. Just when Kevin thought he would have to stop and rest a few moments, he saw his home. He ran through the yard, up the front steps and into the warm living room.

"Home already?" his mother called from upstairs.

Kevin lay Wags down on the carpet. Gently, he dried Wags with a towel. The poor dog was shaking, but Kevin could see by the glow in his eyes that Wags would be all right. He gave his friend a big hug and said:

"I'm going to run back into town to get Mom her material. Then I'm coming back here to play with you, Wags. I mean, having you around is better than a high score anyway. Right pal?"

Wags licked Kevin's cheek and wagged his icy tail.



To see what happens to the unicorn, fold the page so that the edge of the page touches the black line. Fold it in the direction the arrow is pointing.



UNICORN

Tricycles have got three wheels.  
Bicycles have two.  
Unicycles have one wheel.  
Is that too few for you?

C Y C L E

# New Year's Resolutions

It's almost 1984. The new year is a perfect time to make a change for the better. People make resolutions, promises to themselves that they will make some changes. But what if people weren't the only ones with New Year's resolutions? Can you tell which thing below would make which resolution? Fill in the blanks.

*Answers on page 31.*

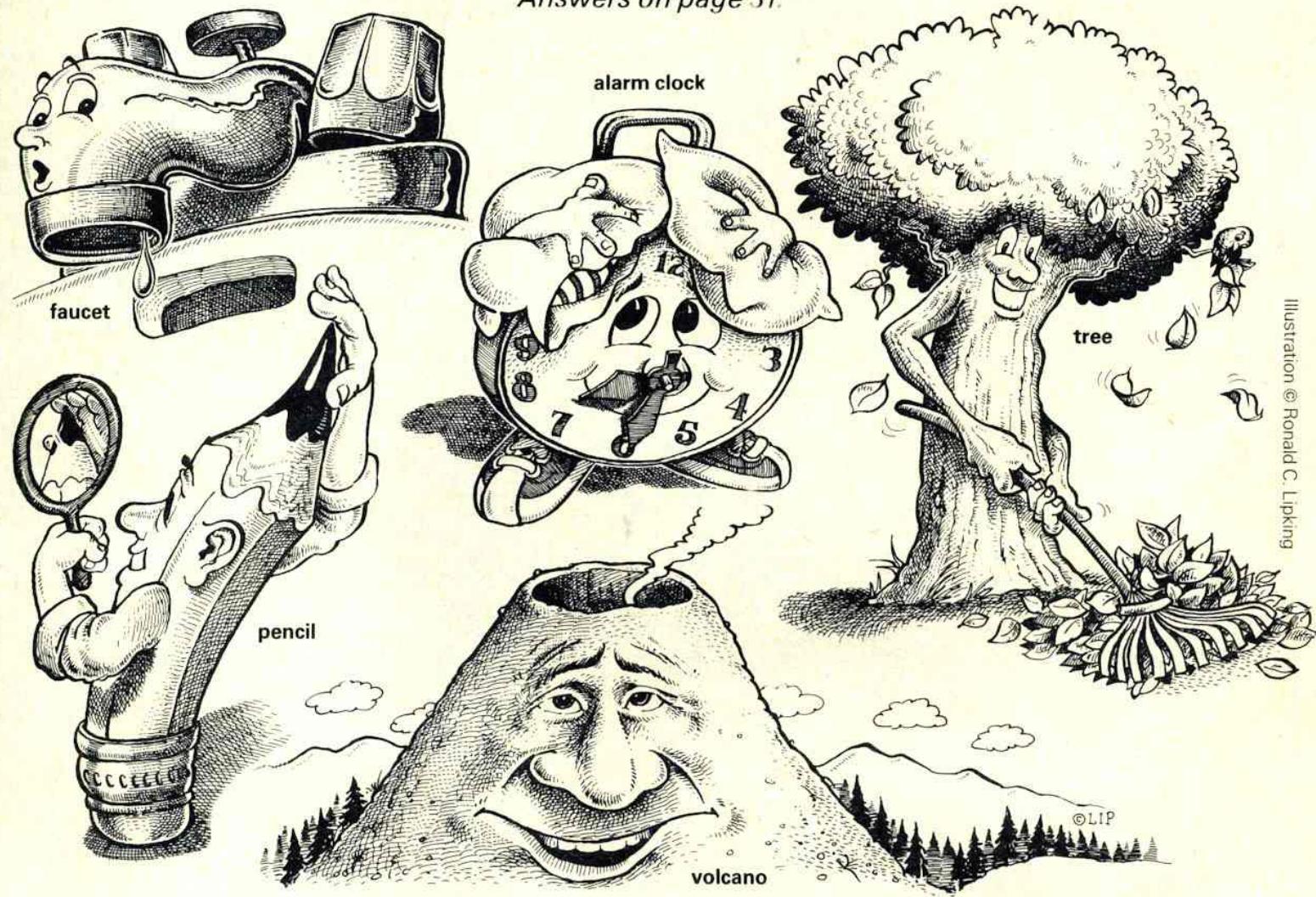


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1. In 1984, I will try to control myself. I'll try not to drip in the middle of the night.  
**I am the \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. In 1984, I will try not to alarm my friends too early in the morning.  
**I am the \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. In 1984, I will try to control my temper. I must stop blowing my top.  
**I am the \_\_\_\_\_.**
4. In 1984, I will try to be neater. I'll drop everything in a pile, instead of all over the place.  
**I am the \_\_\_\_\_.**
5. In 1984, I will try to stay sharp, and be right to the point.  
**I am the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Happy  
New Year,



One Day at a Time.



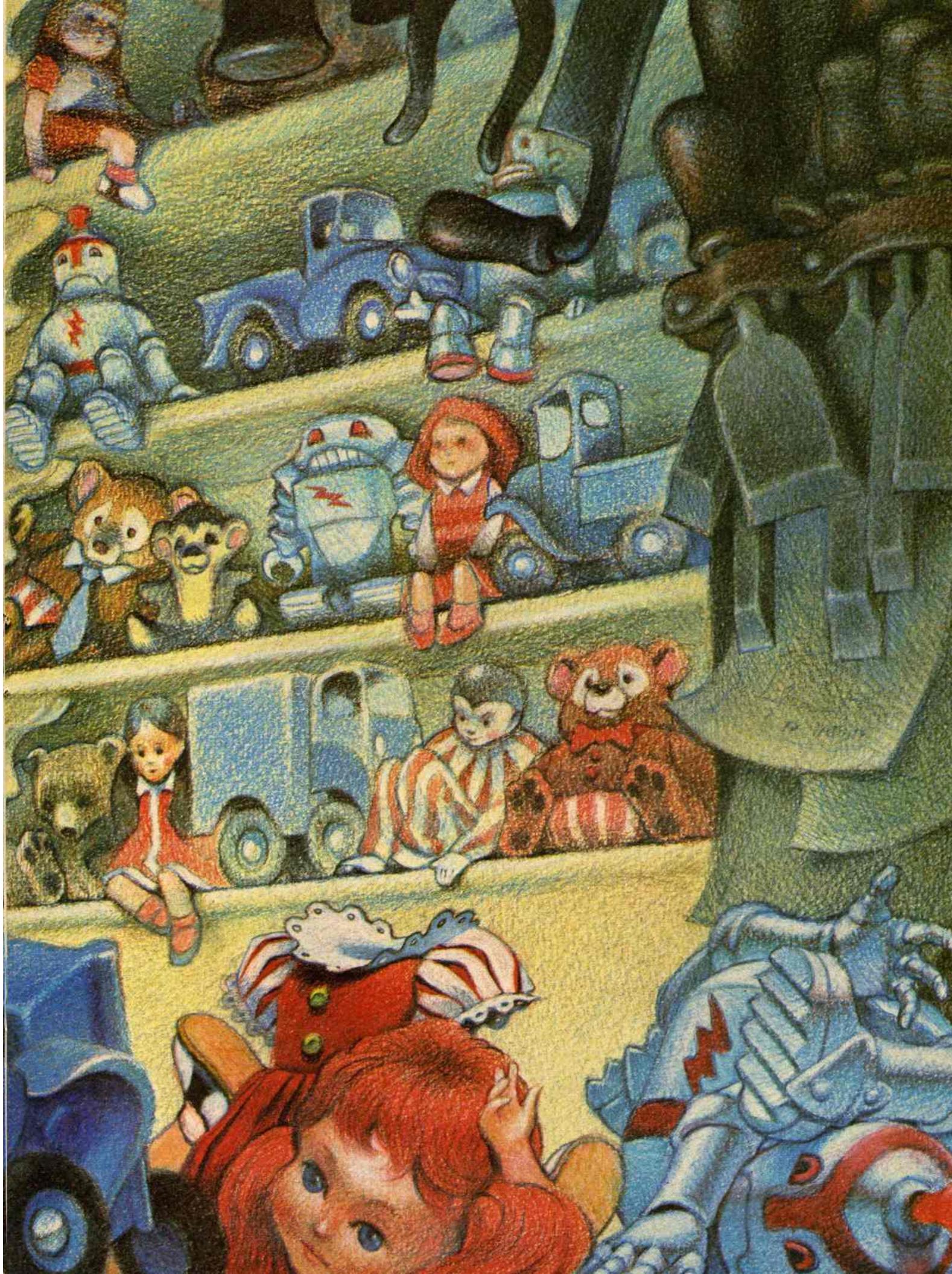


# Toys

Thomas the toymaker has four more toys to make. Each one is still a pile of parts on his workshop table.

There are four other toys in the workshop that look exactly the same as the toys Thomas has to make. Draw a line from each pile of parts to the one toy that will be its twin when Thomas is done.

*Answers on page 31.*

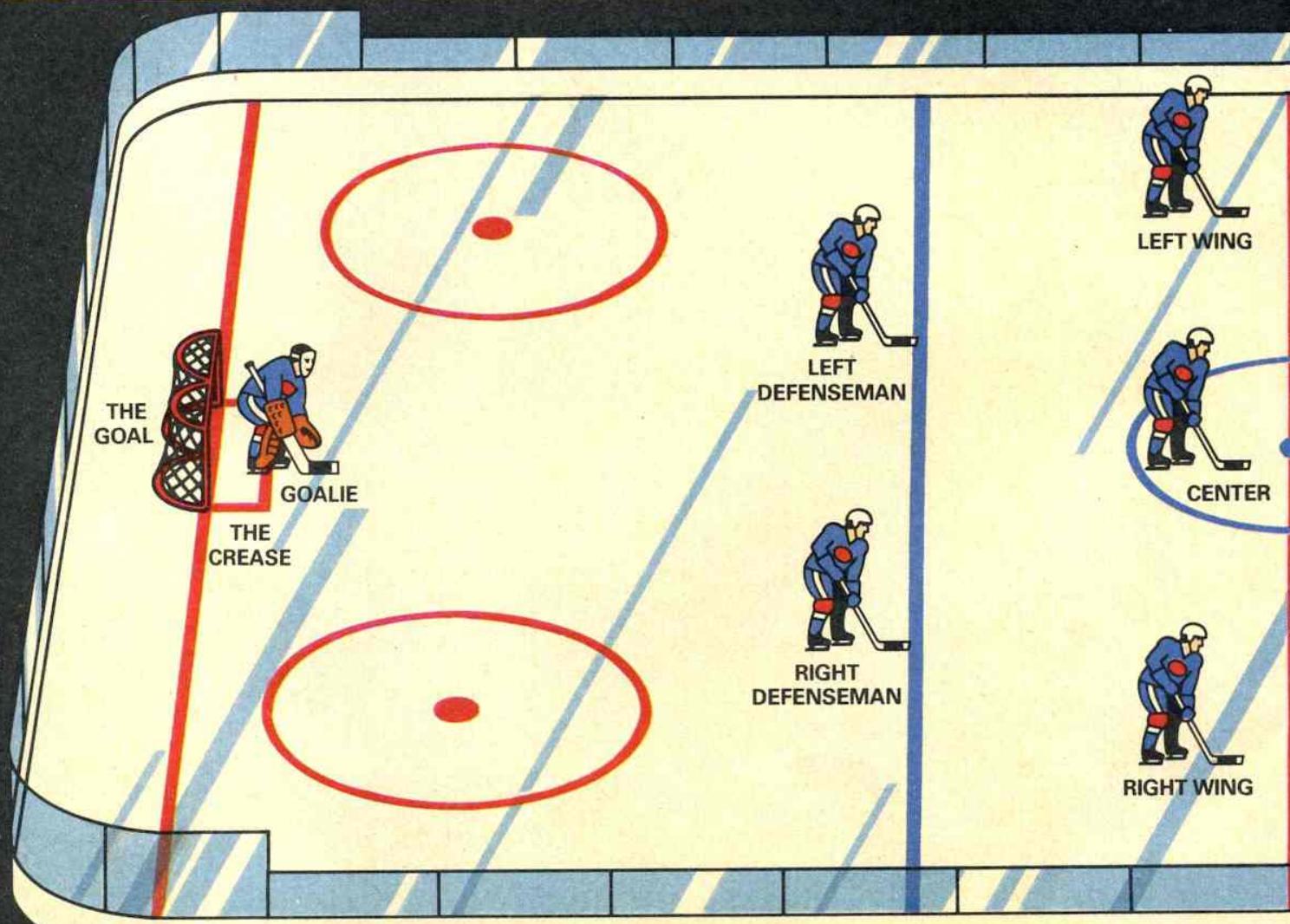
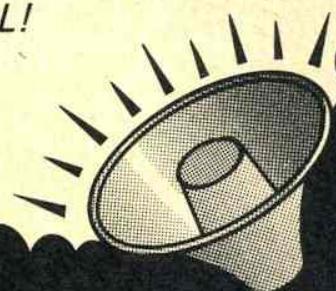


# Action

on

Face-off at center ice...  
the center gets the puck and passes  
it over to his right wing...he skates it  
toward the goal...he shoots... SAVE!...  
the goalie puts it in the corner...his left  
defenseman and the right wing fight for  
the puck...the right wing comes up with it...  
quick pass across the crease to the left wing...  
shot...GOAL!

# Ice Skates



**Wait a minute! What does that mean? You might not know, unless you play ice hockey. Here are some hockey facts.**

### **How do they play?**

All of the players have their eyes on the puck, a round piece of hard rubber. At the start of the game, the center from each team stands in the middle of the ice. This is the *face-off*. The puck is dropped between the centers. They use their hockey sticks to gain control of the puck and pass it to another player on their team. Both teams are after the puck, trying to shoot it into the other team's goal. Any player on the ice can score a goal. The team that scores the most goals wins the game.

### **Who is on the ice?**

Two teams are on the ice, and each one has six players. The *goalies* stay near or in their *crease*, which is the area around their *goal*. They try to keep the *puck* from going in their goal. The *defensemen* stay nearby and try to help their goalie. The *wings* try to shoot the puck into the other team's goal. The *centers* try to get the puck to give it to their wings.

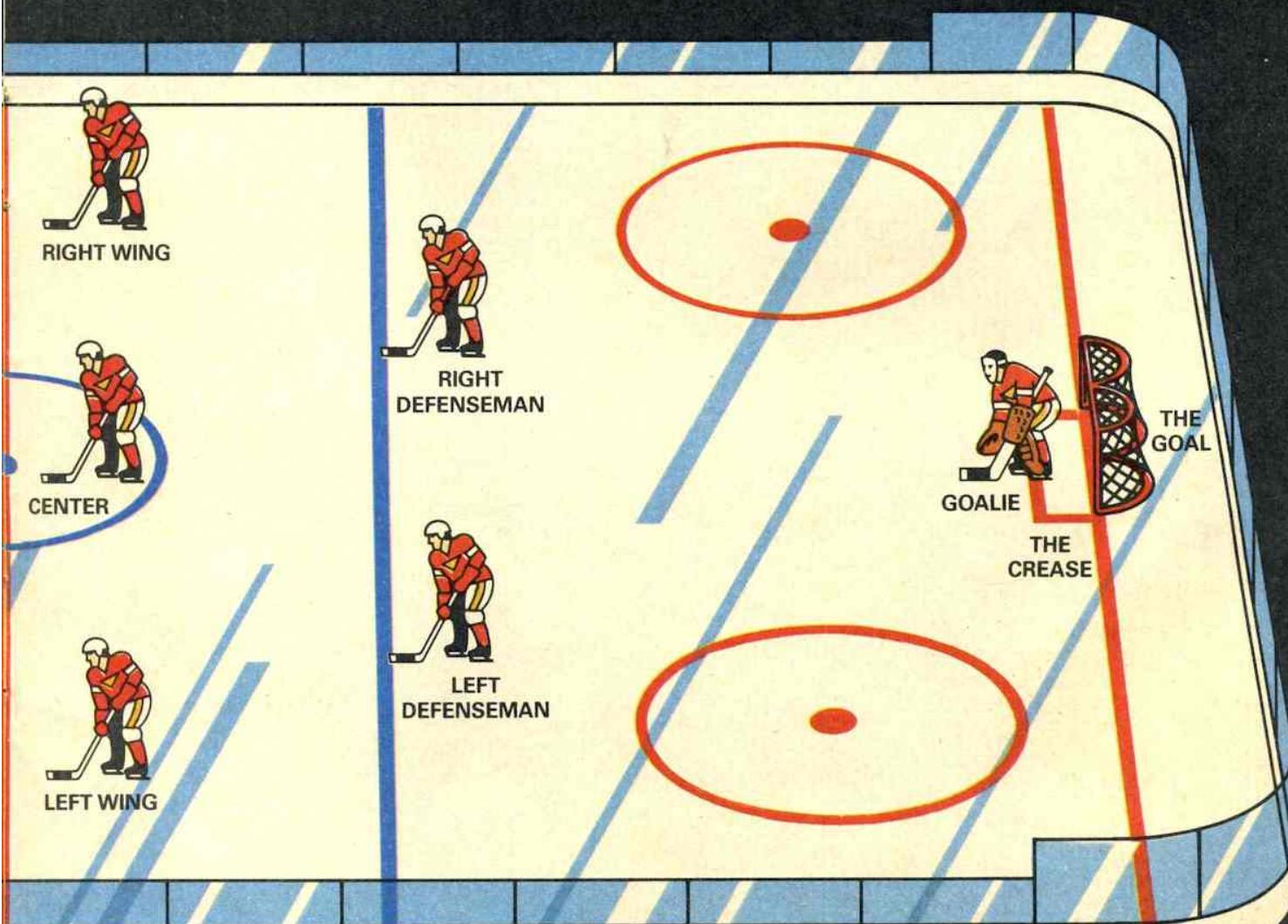


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WHY DO  
WEEPING WILLOWS  
WEEP?

# Tickle yourself

WHAT DID BABY CORN SAY TO MOMMY CORN?



Mike Lesser, age 9  
Kirkland, Quebec,  
Canada

WHERE'S POP-CORN?



WHY DID THE GIRL BRING A ROPE TO THE BASKETBALL GAME?

SHE WANTED TO TIE THE SCORE.

No name

JELLYFISH.

WHAT'S THE BEST KIND OF FISH TO HAVE WITH PEANUT BUTTER?



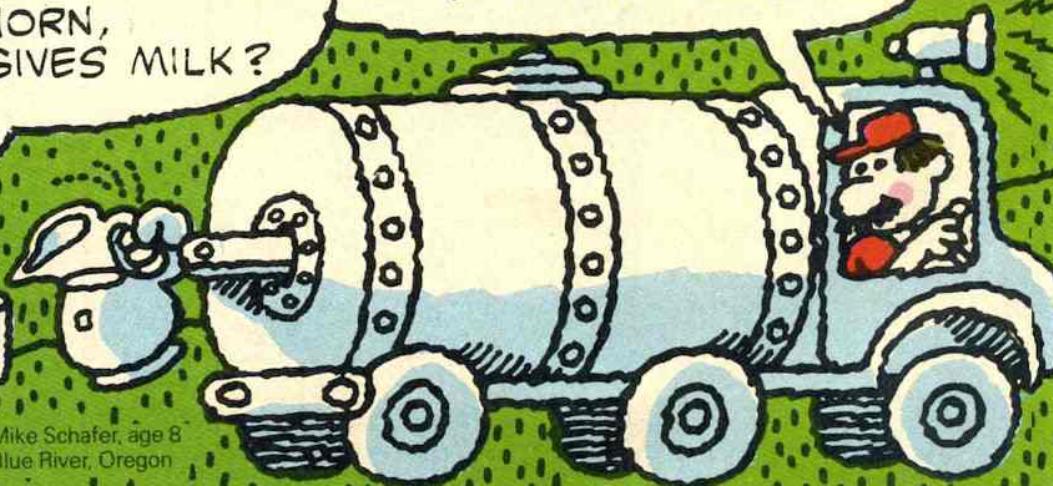
Ben Butkus, age 6  
Amsterdam, New York

WHAT IS WHITE, HAS ONE HORN, AND GIVES MILK?



Mike Schafer, age 8  
Blue River, Oregon

A MILK TRUCK.



THEY  
FEEL SORRY  
FOR THE PINE  
TREES THAT  
PINE.

Annie Zajdel, age 7  
Hillsboro, Oregon

WHY IS IT SO  
HOT AFTER A  
BASKETBALL  
GAME?

ALL  
THE FANS  
HAVE  
GONE.

EXIT

Mike Usher, age 8  
Herrin, Illinois

Send us your favorite jokes along with  
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WHAT KIND OF EARS DOES  
AN ENGINE HAVE?

ENGINEERS.

Ronald Elliot, age 8  
Brooklyn, New York

WHAT IS BROWN,  
HAS A HUMP, AND LIVES  
AT THE NORTH POLE?

RUDOLPH  
THE RED-NOSED  
CAMEL.

Tammara Sanders, age 7  
Tucson, Arizona

# Kid Power

We asked you to make up a new holiday for 1984. You sent us enough ideas to fill up our whole calendar. Here are some of our favorites.

**Purple Nose Day.** Wear a purple nose, and you'll get \$17.31.



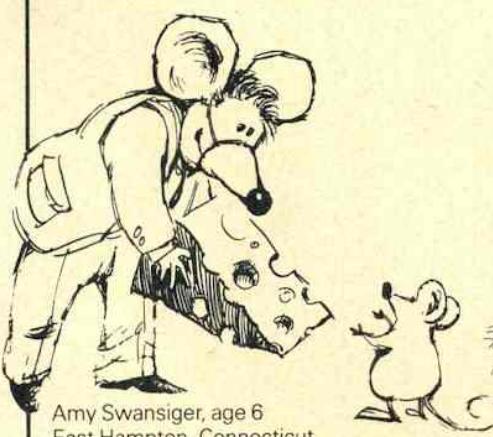
Nathan Ingman  
Eugene, Oregon

**Kiss a Potato Day.**



Benji Pipic, age 5  
Powell, Ohio

**Squeak Day.** Dress like a mouse and give away cheese.



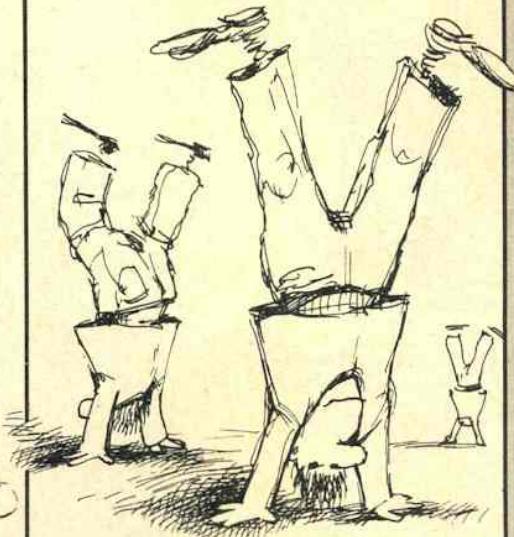
Amy Swansiger, age 6  
East Hampton, Connecticut

**Math Day.** Parade down the street doing math problems.



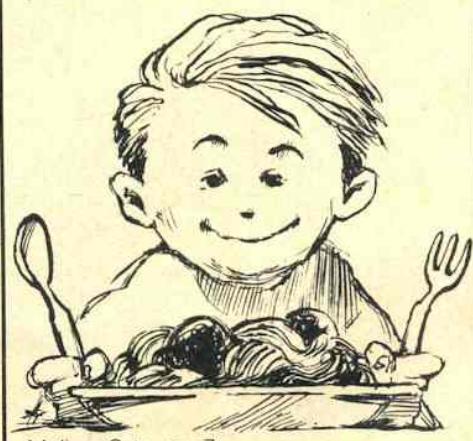
Jemma Wilk, age 8  
Saunders, Rhode Island

**Upside-down Day.**



Tara Collier, age 11  
Littleton, Colorado

**Dandy Doodle and Noodle Day.** Eat noodles all day, except when you're doodling.



Melissa Cate, age 7  
Londonderry, New Hampshire

A radioactive SPIDER bit student PETER PARKER.  
He gained the POWERS and STRENGTH of a spider  
— and became SPIDER-MAN!

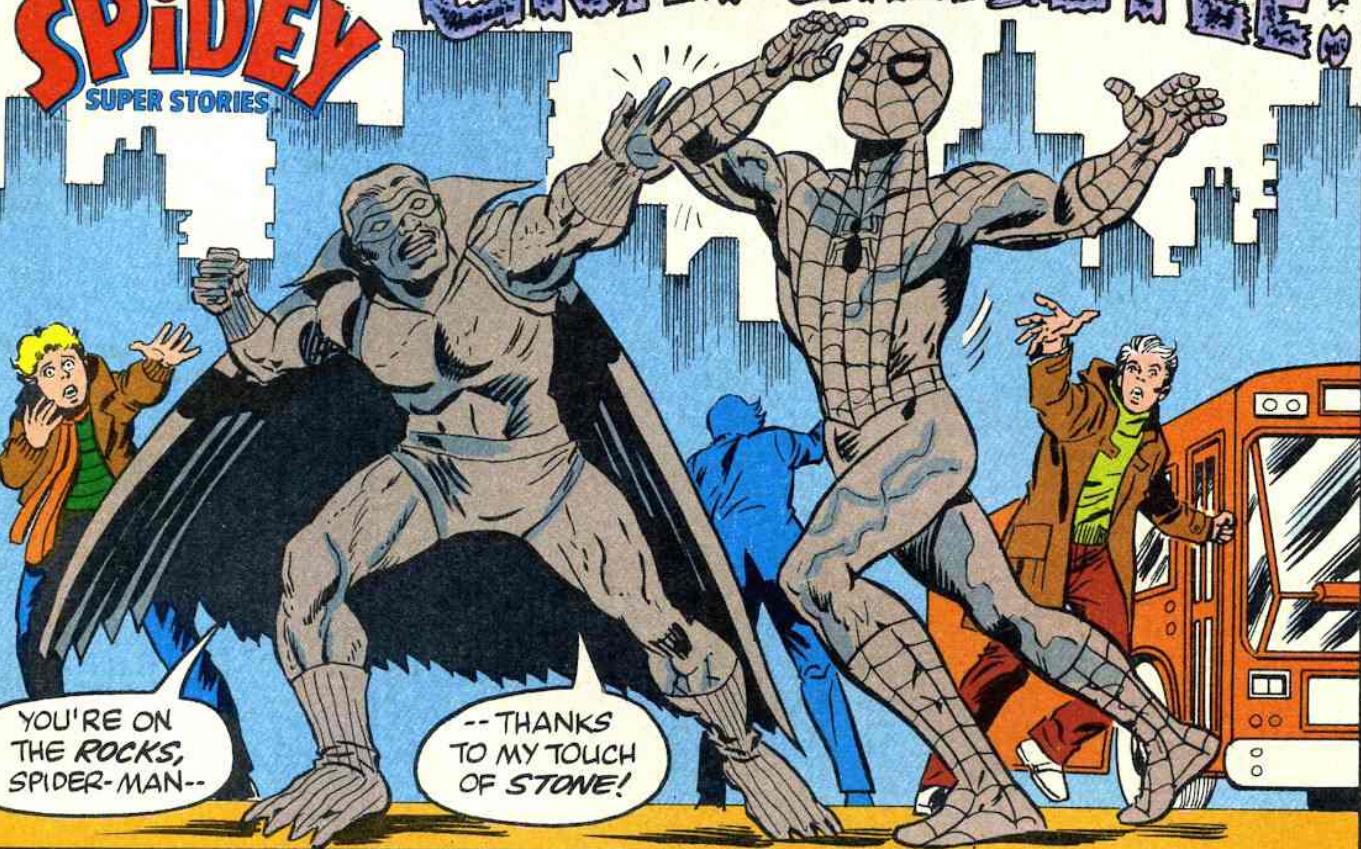
Stan Lee  
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## "THE ATTACK OF THE GRAY GARGOYLE!"



PETER PARKER HEADS HOME AFTER SCHOOL--



SUDDENLY...



THAT MAN WALKED IN FRONT OF THE BUS!









--BE WITH US AGAIN NEXT ISSUE FOR ANOTHER EXCITING ADVENTURE!

# Make Your Own Cartoon



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Fill in the cartoon and send it along with your name and address to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**Best  
of**

# Make Your Own Cartoon



**Tina Soloski, age 9**  
Port Henry, New York



**Tara Crabtree, age 8**  
Greeley, Colorado



**Shannon Boyd, age 7**  
Lauderhill, Florida



**Matthew Marcus, age 5**  
Phoenix, Arizona

**We got a lot of great cartoons. These kids sent in some of the best.**

Matthew Bradrick, age 11  
Tustin, California

Leigh Anne Mazure, age 7  
Grant Town, West Virginia

Alex Beckers  
Middletown, Rhode Island

Ian Cady, age 8  
Pittsford, Vermont

Steve, age 7  
Morganville, New Jersey

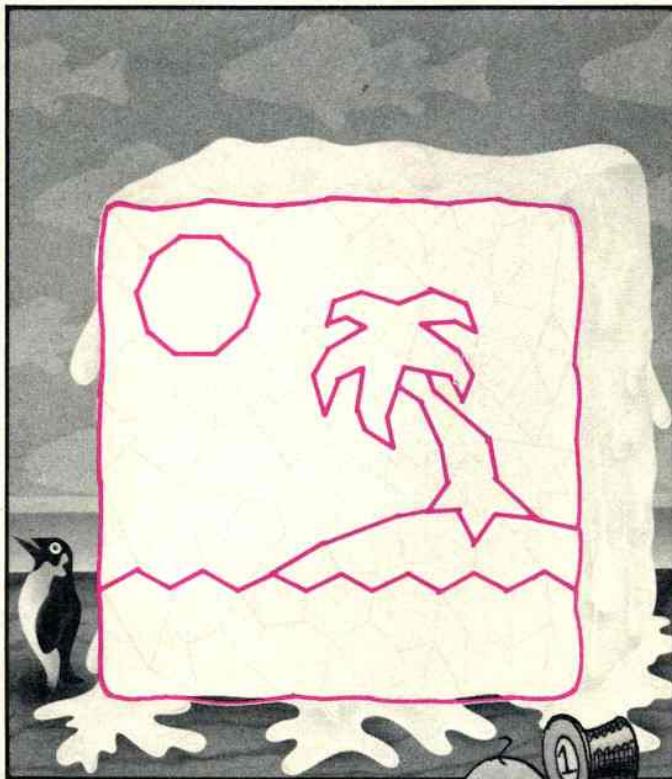
John Allen, age 8  
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St. Joseph, Mississippi

Keith Lynn, age 8  
Connelly Springs,  
North Carolina

# **Answers**

## **Winter Wish** (Inside front cover)



## The New Year's Here (Page 6)

YEAR  
HEAR  
HEAD  
HERD  
HERE

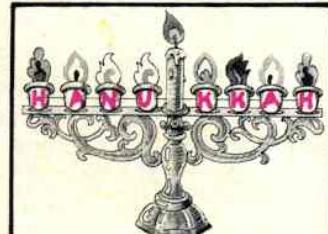


## **The First Word Hunt of the Year** (Page 7)



HAVE A HAPPY YEAR!

## **The Festival of Lights**

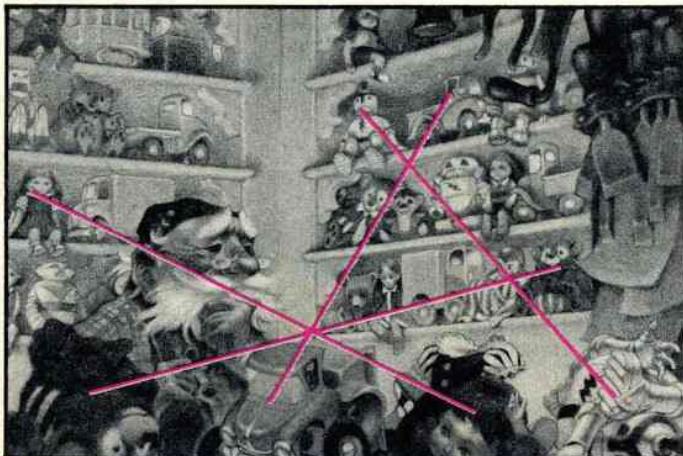


There are other correct spellings of this word.

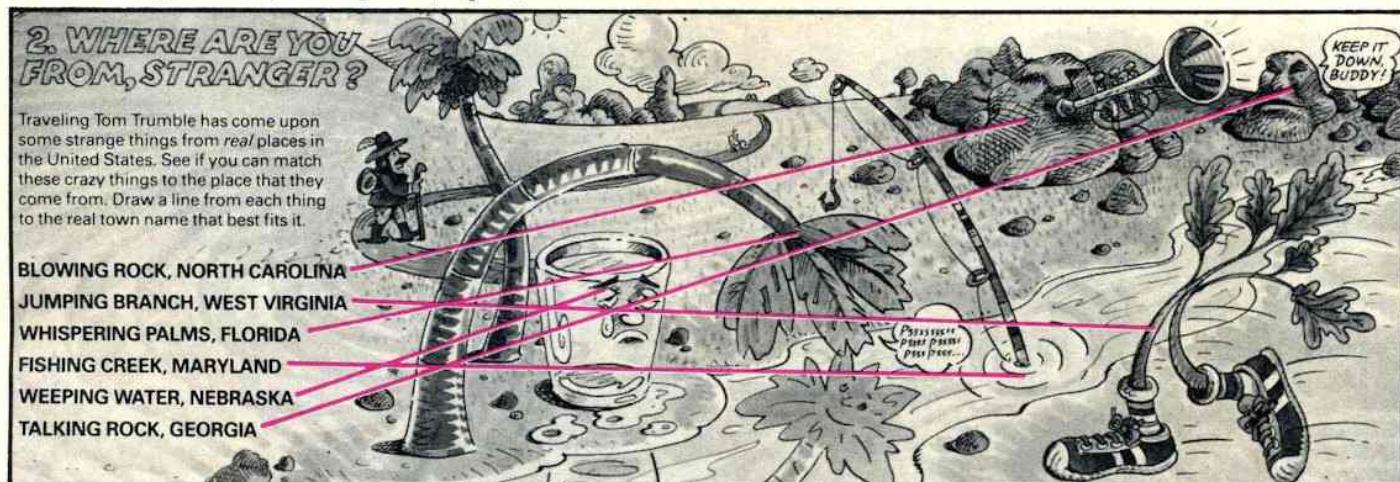
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1. faucet 2. alarm clock 3. volcano 4. tree 5. pencil

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## **Where are you from, Stranger? (Page 6)**



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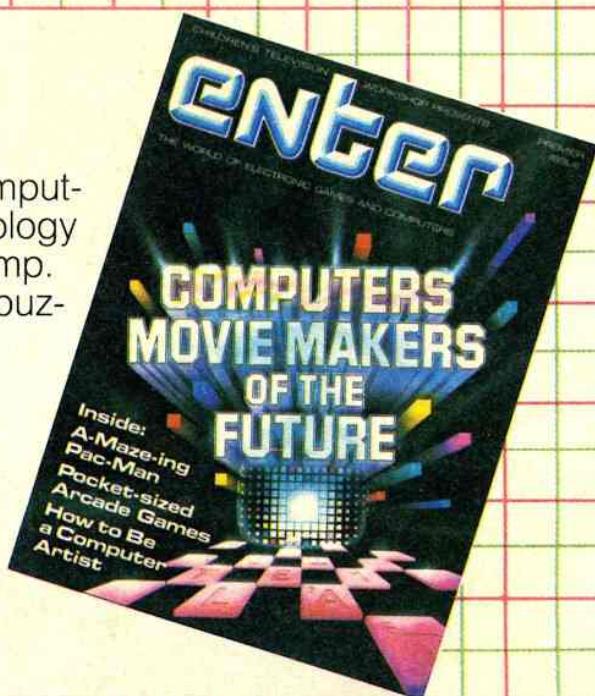
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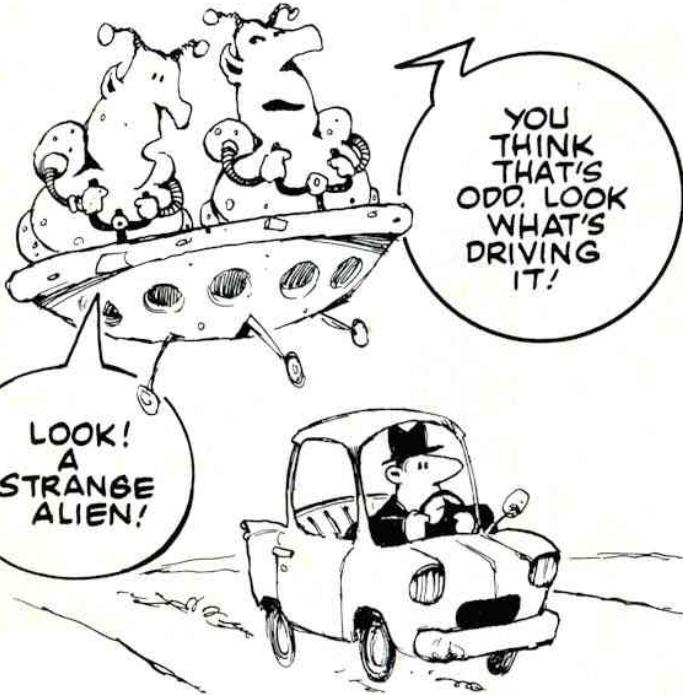
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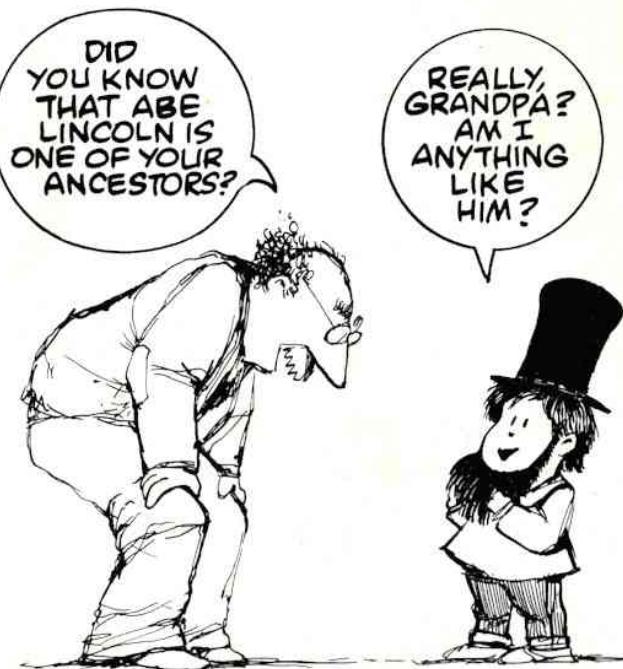


# Glossary

**1. alien** (AY-lee-enn): something or someone from a foreign place.  
See page 11.



**2. ancestors** (AN-sess-torz): people related to you who lived long ago.  
See page 8.



**3. boughs** (BOWZ): large tree branches.  
See the back cover.



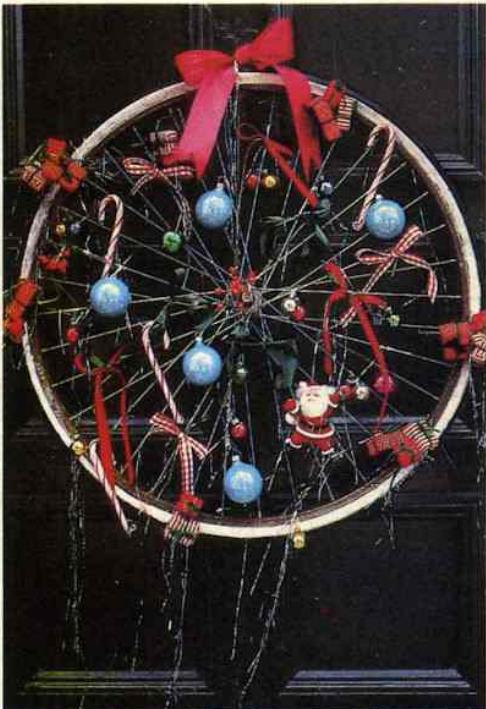
**4. glossary** (GLOSS-sah-ree): a list of words and their meanings.  
See page 1 and 33.



**5. thatched** (THATCH'D): covered with heavy straw.  
See page 2.



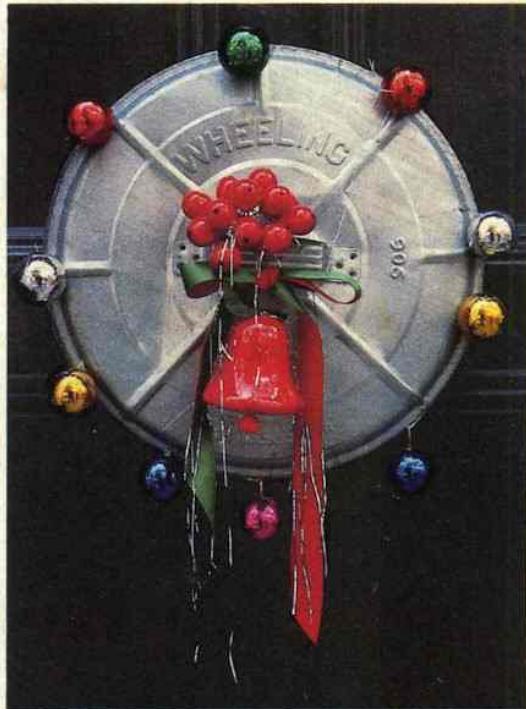
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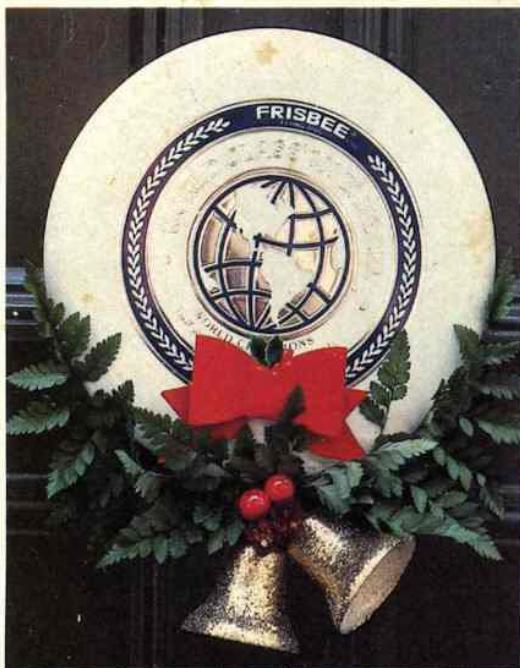
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